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From: Brincks, Mike
Sent: Fri 9/4/2015 2:52:15 PM
Subject: Re: OPA Daily Digest, 9/3/15--- For your consideration

Might be good to include someone from counsel's shop too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2015, at 9:48 AM, Hague, Mark <Hague.Mark@epa.gov> wrote:

Work with PLMG and OPA on how best to follow up.

Mark

From: Tapia, Cecilia
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Hague, Mark; Brincks, Mike
Subject: FW: OPA Daily Digest, 9/3/15--- For your consideration

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

Small LEAN project ????

Thanks

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From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Tapia, Cecilia
Subject: RE: OPA Daily Digest, 9/3/15

Just following directions from Curtis to send the full text of Daily Digest to all Senior Staff, via the group list that's been built for Senior Staff in Outlook. I will bring this up in a discussion that OPA plans to have about the ever-changing directions of how, and to whom, to distribute Daily Digest.

From: Tapia, Cecilia
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 8:09 AM
To: Whitley, Christopher
Subject: RE: OPA Daily Digest, 9/3/15

Chris, I only want the version with the link. My folders are filling up .

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From: Whitley, Christopher

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 3:11 PM

To: R7 Senior Staff; R7 RGAD-OPA; Juett, Lynn; Frizzell, Damon; Bustos, Patrick

Subject: OPA Daily Digest, 9/3/15

Importance: High

OPA Daily Digest for 9/3/15

Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

9/10/15 – Southwest Missouri Lead Tour with Missouri DNR, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

9/11/15 – Integrated Planning Meeting with city of Springfield and Missouri DNR, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

9/12/15 – Healthy Rivers Partnership Cleanup Event, Parkville, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

9/14/15 – HUD Resiliency Summit, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

9/15/15 – Iowa Clean Water Rule Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/22/15 - Missouri Department of Natural Resources All-Kitchen Cabinet Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

9/23/15 – Courtesy Visit with Columbia city officials and Missouri DNR, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

DRA:

9/15/15 - Meet with Inspector General Arthur Elkins, Regional Office. Contact: Renee McGhee-Lenart, 7534

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

9/14-16/15 – Participating in the Missouri Recycling Association Conference, Blue Springs, Mo., Contact: Jennifer Dawani, 7162

CNSL

9/10/11/15 - Presentations: Next Generation (NextGen) Compliance and Water Enforcement, Missouri Water Seminar, Columbia, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

10/7/15 - NextGen and Enforcement Priorities presentation, National Environmental Health Association Conference, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

10/23/15 - Iowa Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, EPA Update (general update on hot issues, legal developments, and priorities). Contact: David Cozad, 7587

10/27/15 – St. Louis Area Safety Council, EPA Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

ECO

9/9-10/15 – National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Face to Face Public Meeting, Arlington, Va. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

9/17/15 – Public Availability Session for Former United Zinc Superfund Site, Iola, Kan. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

9/28/15 – Columbus Former Manufacturing Gas Plant Public Availability Session, Columbus, Neb. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

ENST

11/16-20/15 – Quality Assurance Training at Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Diane Harris, 7258

PLMG

9/2-4/15 - National Brownfield Conference, Chicago. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

RA/OPA

***10/6-11/15** – Society of Environmental Journalists 25th Annual Conference, Norman, Okla. Contact David Bryan, 7433; Ben Washburn, 7364

SUPR

10/7-8/15 – Region 7 Regional Response Team meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670.

WWPD

9/8/15 – Kansas Department of Health and Environment Drinking Water Protection Program Overview Meeting, at Regional Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

9/10-11/15 - Presentations at Missouri REGFORM Water Seminar, Columbia, Missouri. Contact: 9/10 only Karen Flournoy, 7782, 9/11 only Jeff Robichaud, 7146, and John DeLashmit, 7821

9/11/15 – Attend Water Resources Coordinating Council Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/15-17/15 – Present at EPA-USDA National Workshop on Water Quality Markets, Lincoln, Nebraska. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Glenn Curtis, 7726

9/15-16/15 – Speak at Heartland Animal Manure Management Workshop, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact: Donna Porter, 7929

9/27-10/1/15 – Ground Water Protection Council Annual Forum, Oklahoma City, Okla. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

10/1/15 – Attend meeting with IDNR, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Stephen Pollard, 7582, Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/23/15 – Speak at Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA – Bridget DiCosmo – 8/3/15 – Requesting interview with Acting Regional Administrator Mark Hague on EPA's e-enterprise efforts. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KMJM, KATZ, KSLZ, KSD and KWBX Radio Stations, St. Louis – Jade Harrell – 8/20/15 – Requesting interview regarding demolition and cleanup of the Carter Carburetor Superfund Site in St. Louis, for later broadcast on "Community Connection with Jade Harrell," which airs on a group of St. Louis radio stations. Interview via telephone will be recorded on September 3. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Iowa Public Radio – Amy Mayer – 9/3/15 – Questions about nutrient pollution of Iowa waters. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KWMU St. Louis Public Radio – Veronique LaCapra – 9/3/15 – Questions about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Associated Press, St. Louis Bureau – Jim Salter – 9/3/15 - Questions about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

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None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

Missouri Times – Koster Releases New Findings on West Lake Landfill – 9/3/15 - Several expert witnesses gathered by the state for a lawsuit against Republic Services Inc. and management of the West Lake Landfill say that radiation and other pollutants have migrated off-site, a serious concern for nearby residents. <http://themissouritimes.com/21583/koster-releases-new-findings-on-west-lake-landfill/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – AG Koster says fire, radioactive waste at landfills in Bridgeton is not under control – 9/3/15 - An underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill is moving closer to radioactive waste in the adjoining West Lake Landfill, according to expert reports released today by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/ag-koster-says-fire-radioactive-waste-at-landfills-in-bridgeton/article_40956a57-4d24-535e-9757-ca7082bf7b77.html

KWMU St. Louis Public Radio – Reports suggest radiation at Bridgeton landfill has moved offsite – 9/3/15 - Radiation from the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton has spread to neighboring properties. That's according to reports released on Thursday by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/reports-suggest-radiation-bridgeton-landfill-has-moved-offsite#stream/0>

WLOX, Ch. 13, Biloxi, Miss. - Towboat collision near Columbus, KY causes oil spill in Mississippi River - 9/3/15 - The Coast Guard is investigating a towboat collision on the Mississippi River near Columbus, Ky. According to the Coast Guard, watchstanders received a call about the collision between two towboats at mile marker 937 at 8:22 p.m. on Wednesday. <http://www.wlox.com/story/29949230/towboat-collision-near-paducah-causes-oil-spill-in-mississippi-river>

WAVE, Louisville, Ky. Ch. 3, - Towboat collision near Columbus, KY causes oil spill in Mississippi River - 9/3/15 - The Coast Guard is investigating a towboat collision on the Mississippi River near Columbus, Ky. <http://www.wave3.com/story/29949230/towboat-collision-near-paducah-causes-oil-spill-in-mississippi-river>

WSMV. Ch. 4, Nashville, Tenn. - The Coast Guard is investigating a towboat collision on the Mississippi River near Columbus, Ky. - 9/3/15 - According to the Coast Guard, watchstanders received a call about the collision between two towboats at mile marker 937 at 8:22 p.m. on Wednesday. <http://www.wsmv.com/story/29949230/towboat-collision-near-paducah-causes-oil-spill-in-mississippi-river>

WBTB, Ch. 5, Charlotte, N.C. - Towboat collision near Columbus, KY causes oil spill in Mississippi River - 9/3/15 - The Coast Guard is investigating a towboat collision on the Mississippi River near Columbus, Ky. According to the Coast Guard, watchstanders received a call about the collision between two towboats at mile marker 937 at 8:22 p.m. on Wednesday.

<http://www.wbtv.com/story/29949230/towboat-collision-near-paducah-causes-oil-spill-in-mississippi-river>

KAKE, Ch. 10, Wichita, Kan. - KDHE testing water sites in Dodge City - 9/2/15 - The state health department has been testing water wells in Dodge City after previous testing found a toxic contaminant. <http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/KDHE-testing-water-sites-in-Dodge-City-323985871.html>

Maryville (Mo.) Daily Forum - EPA 'Waters of U.S.' regs harmful to state agriculture - 9/2/15 - As I began writing this column, the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial new Waters of the United States rule was just one day away from taking effect, something the entire agricultural community has been fighting to prevent since the rule change was first published in 2014. http://www.maryvilledailyforum.com/opinion/article_08d988d2-51b7-11e5-a0a7-f3649b551f49.html

St. James (Mo.) Leader Journal - The EPA's clean water rule: What you need to know; rule takes a hit in court - 9/2/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted a new clean water rule that prompted Missouri and 12 other states to file a motion for a preliminary injunction to keep the rule from going into effect and won, according to announcements from Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster and the EPA Friday morning. The injunction was granted by the U.S. District Court for North Dakota.

<http://www.leaderjournal.com/article/20150902/NEWS/150909764>

Iowa Farmer Today - EPA ruling blocked in 13 states - 9/3/15 - New federal rules to protect smaller streams, tributaries and wetlands took effect on Aug. 28 — but only in some states.

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/epa-ruling-blocked-in-states/article_23924f5c-5198-11e5-8e54-27724eea606c.html

Fremont (Neb.) Tribune - Fischer holds hearing on EPA ozone proposal - 9/2/15 - U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer invited manufacturing and public power representatives, a public health expert and the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce to weigh in on the potential impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to lower ozone levels. http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/fischer-holds-hearing-on-epa-ozone-proposal/article_7c2721cd-9b52-539d-b96f-3fe11f4f0316.html

North Platte Telegraph - Defending state from the EPA - 9/3/15 - Another day, another federal mandate that will harm Nebraska. The latest example comes from President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency. Last month, the president unveiled a sweeping new regulation that the White House has dubbed the "Clean Power Plan." It mandates that Nebraska slash carbon emissions by 40 percent over the next 15 years. http://www.nptelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/defending-state-from-the-epa/article_f37f5c56-51ba-11e5-9c6e-7b8bcc739209.html

High Plains/Midwest AG Journal - USCA encourages national adoption of 13-state EPA WOTUS injunction - 9/2/15 - The United States Cattlemen's Association supports the request to apply the injunction against adoption of the changes to the EPA's Waters of the US Rule on a national scale. Currently, due to a successful ruling in the federal District Court in North Dakota, 13 states are not required to implement the proposed changes. The same restrictions are now being considered for all states not included in the initial ruling. http://www.hpj.com/livestock_general/usca-encourages-national-adoption-of--state-epa-wotus-injunction/article_9004349d-d602-5a7d-9058-a3d4ccf4eef0.html

National Law Review - Clean Water Rule: Confusion Rains Down - 9/2/15 - The Clean Water Rule, recently promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), continues to generate controversy, confusion and regulatory uncertainty. Following decades of rulemakings and legal challenges over the scope of the Clean Water Act's (CWA) jurisdiction, the Clean Water Rule is the most recent administrative attempt to define what constitutes "waters of the United States," the term Congress used to set the jurisdictional threshold for regulation under the CWA. <http://www.natlawreview.com/article/clean-water-rule-confusion-rains-down>

Gant Daily - Thompson: Wrong Time to Change EPA Ozone Regulations - 9/2/15 - U.S. Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-05) has joined a bipartisan group of federal, state and locally elected officials, in voicing their opposition to a proposal from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which would result in increased compliance measures dealing with ozone.

<http://gantdaily.com/2015/09/02/thompson-wrong-time-to-change-epa-ozone-regulations/>

Pratt Tribune - Regular maintenance saves big septic tank bill - 9/3/15 - September is Septic-Smart Month. For everyone that depends on septic tanks and drain fields, here are a few helpful facts as a reminder of the importance in understanding and maintaining a septic system.
<http://www.pratttribune.com/article/20150903/NEWS/150909803>

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